

**Mansfield Commission on Aging: Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2004 2:30 PM – Senior Center**

**PRESENT:** Karna Secker (guest), M. Thatcher, S. Thomas (chair), B. Acebo, D. Mercier, C. Phillips, N. Stevens, C. McMillan, K. Grunwald (staff)

**REGRETS:** P. Secker

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair S. Thomas called meeting to order at 2:34 PM.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes of the November 8 meeting:** The newsletter identified in correspondence was for the CT Coalition on Aging. The question was raised as to how members can get on the mailing list for the newsletter of the CT Coalition on Aging. K. Grunwald will get information on this. The minutes were accepted as written.
- IV. **Correspondence** - Chair and Staff: letter received from the Town Clerk reappointing Ken Doeg and Carol Phillips through 9/30/07.
- V. **Optional Reports** on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations
  - A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – J. Kenny was not present. A copy of her report for November was distributed.

Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation – no report.
  - B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – P. Hope was not present. A copy of her report was distributed. Senior Center Assoc. – John Brubacher was not present; no report.
  - C. Housing

Assisted Living Project: no report; some discussion of the recent presentation by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership on the development of the Storrs downtown.

Juniper Hill, Jensen's Park, Other: no report.
  - D. Related Town and Regional Organizations

Com. on Physically and Sensorily Impaired – no report.

Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no report.

Town Plan of Conservation and Development – Carol Phillips: no report.

Town Community Center: no report.

**VI. Old Business**

**Preparation of The Long Range Plan (2005-2014)** - Kevin Grunwald

Discussion of the Plan of 1994-2004: Reports on sections of the Plan and what has been accomplished.

**Services and Support (D. Mercier):** She began by reviewing the existing 10-year plan; looking at the question of where to get information about services for seniors? One suggestion was to use the Sparks newsletter to promote one service on a monthly basis. M. Thatcher mentioned the publication "At Your Fingertips", which is available at the Senior Center. There is a need to remind people where this is, and it needs to be updated. There are multiple sources of information: the Social Services Department, the Library, the internet, etc. Not all seniors are likely to go on the internet. A suggestion was made that there be one phone number identified for people to call; look at using J. Kenny to promote her role as disseminating information. Also look at using the Town Calendar as well to promote/disseminate information. Infoline is another option.

**Transportation (B. Acebo):** Beth contacted Greg Paddick in the Town Planner's Office to obtain a copy of the Regional Transportation Plan. This identifies all plans and priorities for all transportation initiatives in Mansfield. She also spoke with Barbara Levine at Juniper Hill, who said that there have been several studies done on transportation. Other suggestions were to contact Rose Fowler at the McSweeney Center, who is the Chair of the Transportation Coalition of Eastern CT: advocate for better transportation in Eastern CT. K. Grunwald and P. Hope participate in this committee.

**Technology:** K. Secker presented an updated report for P. Secker. This includes some focus on the need for TTY listening technology.

## **VII. New Business**

S. Thomas and D. Mercier will not be here for the January meeting; someone else will facilitate.

**VIII. Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 4:22PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10 at 2:30 pm at the Senior Center. K. Grunwald will provide an outline for remaining steps in the development of the long-range plan.

S. Thomas needs to submit a list of meeting dates for 2005 to the Town Clerk; there will be no meeting in July and August.